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BUF vs STL - Sunday
@ 4:05
BAL vs PIT - Monday
@ 8:30

NFL update for week four. Read about the Browns and Bills on page 8.

Weekend Weather

Friday: Partly Cloudy. High 73 F. Winds NE @ 15 - 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 20%.
Saturday: Showers possible. High 70 F. Chance of precipitation 60%.
Sunday: Few Showers. High 70 F. Chance of precipitation 30%.
Complete weather forecast for the week on page 2.

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 Kathy Dahlkemper.

Dahlkemper, Purvis talk healthcare with College Democrats

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The College Democrats hosted meetings for State Senatorial candidate Cindy Purvis and 3rd Congressional District candidate Kathy Dahlkemper over the course of the last two Thursdays.

Both Purvis and Dahlkemper talked to the small

group of Democrats about their key issues and asked for assistance for their campaigns. They covered their opinions of more universal health care and the pains of rising education prices.

Purvis met with the College Democrats on Thursday while Dahlkemper conversed with them a week prior.

"I never in my life thought I would run for office," says Purvis. She discussed how she ran because no one else would for the health care issues she wished to champion.



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 Cindy Purvis.

A week prior, Dahlkemper mainly focused on her message for health care reforms, as well. "It is like a third world country for many citizens in terms of health care," says Dahlkemper.

Tony Bango, a junior political science and history major, felt reserved about Purvis's message of reducing the use of fossil fuels and replacing with alternative energy. He described her words as "empty" since she dodged a question about which alternative energies she would support. She said she would "ask the experts."

Student Government Association elections are Oct. 2 & 3

Get to know your candidates on page 3.

SGA changes policy on funding team uniforms

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The average Penn State Behrend student worries about paying for tuition, books, and food. Students who play a club sport at Behrend have an additional worry: paying for uniforms.

The Student Government Association, SGA, has changed its policy this year and is funding uniforms for particular clubs, according to senior and SGA Vice President Brad Kovalcik.

"We have changed our policy this year," said Kovalcik. "In order for SGA to fund uniforms, they have to be central to the club's purpose. The club has to require uniforms for SGA to supply them."

According to Kovalcik, there is a certain process that the club needs to go through if they want SGA to pay for the uniforms.

"The club must submit a proposal which is available at the RUB desk," explained Kovalcik. "The proposals are due Friday the 26th. SGA has monthly budget meetings which is where we will discuss the uniforms. Our first budget meeting is October 1. Nothing has happened yet, we have just changed our policy. We will fund each club up to \$500 for uniforms, but we implemented a prorated cap of \$25 per uniform purchased."

The men's lacrosse club team is an example of one club sport who is hoping for SGA to help pay for uniforms.

"Our men's lacrosse team will try to get new 'away' jerseys by putting in for a SGA proposal." See SGA on page 2

New student fee raises questions

Students are now paying almost \$100 more for tuition each year; what are the benefits?

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A new fee added onto student tuition is raising numerous questions on campus. From the student's perspective, it may seem like another ploy to suck money out of their pockets. What more could Behrend need financially? How is this fee beneficial? Contrary to these questions, the student activity facility fee (SAFF), passed by and for students, will soon have a more positive impact than the activity fee on non-academic, student-determined aspects of Behrend's campus.

The facility fee, approximately \$100 per semester on your tuition bill, generates the large sum of \$400,000 every semester, equaling an impressive \$800,000 annually. Where is all this money being directed to? That decision will be left up to the student body.

The Student Government Association (SGA) is currently forming a committee of students, approved by Behrend, who will carry out the task of determining the overall student body's wants and needs. SGA hopes to narrow down a list of requests through online surveys, personal interviews, questionnaires, suggestion boxes and more. They are not definite on their exact means of determining student's overall opinions and requests; nevertheless, cooperation and time from students is necessary in order for all methods to work.

Once the committee in charge of SAFF decides on projects fitting within the budget, our chancellor, Dr. Jack Burke, must approve the committee's project proposals.

According to Ken Miller, Director of Student Affairs, evidence of student body approval is mandatory for the chancellor's support of a project. Without approval from our chancellor, the SAFF

committee is not qualified to fund a project. Remarkably on the selection of projects, Miller believes the SAFF committee will most likely choose the most student-supported and cost effective projects. Pairing up campus renovations with SAFF funded projects, in order to save on construction costs, is also a smart suggestion from Miller.

Nothing official has been decided. However, rumors of renovating areas of Reed into fitness rooms and modifying Reed H17 are floating around. Other ideas include additions of convenience stores, Redbox DVD rentals, copy centers, ticket booths, lounge areas, and campus information systems. All these and many more ideas are possibilities for the future of Behrend's campus. Only student feedback will fuel the commencement of these much anticipated projects.

What is the difference between funds from the new facility fee and funds from the activity fee?

The difference between the facility fee and the activity fee is the focus of the projects each fee funds. The activity fee supports projects with focus on all members of campus, faculty and staff included. All funds from the SAFF support student requested projects only. SAFF supported projects must be non-academic and benefit the entire student body. Restrictions of the facility fee towards funding allows there to be more renovations and additions that will directly benefit our life as a student on campus.

The decision as to which projects are funded, is entirely up to Penn State Behrend's student population. What change do you envision on our campus in the near future?

Possible uses for the money:

- *Renovation of different areas of Reed, including the possibility of fitness rooms
- *The addition of convenience store(s) on campus
- *Red box DVD rental availability on campus
- *Copy centers
- *Lounge areas
- *Campus information systems

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